

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/771,905

Examiner

Paul Durand

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 2/6/06 and interview conducted 4/10/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 7-18.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 04102006.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven Haas on 4/10/2006.

- a. In claim 1, line 8, deleted "size" and inserted --length--.
- b. In claim 1, line 10, deleted "close" and inserted --adjacent--.
- c. In claim 1, line 11, deleted "and" and inserted --the feed unit--.
- d. In claim 1, line 11, deleted "to enable" and inserted --which enables--.
- e. In claim 1, line 14, deleted "a unit" and inserted --a pre-unwinding unit--.
- f. In claim 1, line 14, deleted "the pre-unwinding unit".
- g. In claim 1, line 24, deleted "themselves so as".
- h. In claim 7, line 3, deleted "in such a way as".
- i. In claim 8, line 2, deleted "also" and inserted --further--.
- j. In claim 8, lines 2-3, deleted "which may be" and inserted --is--.
- k. In claim 9, line 4, deleted "so as to be able to slide" and inserted --and sliding--.
- l. In claim 9, line 8, deleted "and being designed".
- m. In claim 10, line 1, deleted "first axis" and inserted --first drive axis--.
- n. In claim 12, line 3, deleted "in such manner as".

- o. In claim 14, line 3, deleted "in such as way as".
- p. In claim 16, line 3, deleted "in such manner as".

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the wrapping apparatus comprised of first and second conveying surfaces, wrapping means, for wrapping groups of items, a pre-unwinding unit, tensioning unit comprised of tension rollers, mounted on a rocker arm, and a electric axes, which synchronize the control of the film feed an unwinding is distinguished over the prior art of Malini and Ponti which does no disclose the use of a tensioning unit comprised of tension rollers, mounted on a rocker arm, and a electric axes, which synchronize the control of the film feed an unwinding.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

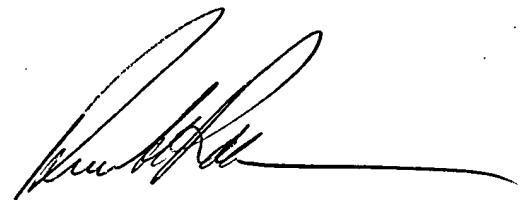
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Durand whose telephone number is 571-272-4459. The examiner can normally be reached on 0730-1800, Monday - Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I. Rada can be reached on 571-272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Paul Durand
April 10, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rinaldi I. Rada', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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